


REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
Takashi KATO

Reg. No. 40,067  


---

Bruce H. Bernstein  
Reg. No. 29,027

February 24, 2006  
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.  
1950 Roland Clarke Place]  
Reston, VA 20191  
(703) 716-119111